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For: **CIRCUIT FOR TRANSFORMING AN
IMAGE RATE**

Examiner: V. R. Kostak

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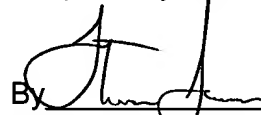
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned.

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